

PROTESTS HALTING WORK ON RIVER

COMMERCIAL CLUB OF CAPITAL
FILES VIGOROUS KICK ON
REPORT.

DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON

Present and Prospective Commerce on
Waterway Not Sufficient to Jus-
tify Expenditure of Large
Sums by Nation.

Jefferson City.

A vigorous protest will be filed by the Commercial Club of Jefferson City against the report of United States Engineer Herbert Deakine, who has notified all of the "river" towns that he will recommend to the Board of Engineers at Washington a discontinuance of the improvement work on the Missouri River.

If such a step is necessary, President Hoveck McHenry of the Commercial Club said a strong declaration will be sent to Washington to protest against abandonment of the improvement work on the river.

Deakine's unfavorable report on the Missouri River is based on the ground that the present and reasonable prospective commerce on the river is not sufficient to warrant the expenditure necessary for the execution and maintenance of the improvement.

This report has stirred up all of the river towns and they are up in arms against it. It is expected that all of them will follow the lead of Kansas City and Jefferson City in the matter.

The work on the river is regarded as supremely vital for the protection of the rich bottom farming lands, aside from the importance of rendering the river navigable.

Immigration Falling Off.

The European war is responsible for a decrease in the number of immigrant aliens who entered the ports of the United States with Missouri as their direct destination last year.

During the fiscal year which closed June 30, 1915, only 2,741 men, women and children direct from foreign countries settled in this state which when compared with the record of the year before, in which period 12,781 arrived, shows a falling off of 11,038, or nearly as many as came in during the year before that.

Whether the close of the war will see a renewal of the flocking of aliens to this country, especially to Missouri, is a hard problem to answer at the present moment, for the reason that Germany, France, England, Russia, Italy, Belgium and other countries involved in the great conflict will then have urgent use for all their population at home in their endeavors to conduct government and business affairs as before the war, and fill the places of the thousands who have fallen.

Wages will be higher in all European countries, and farmers, mechanics, laborers and other toilers will find themselves in greater respect at home than ever before, and this fact, but, however, fact alone will help to decrease the exodus.

Land Left for Settlement.

Government land in Missouri that was subject to cash or homestead entry on August 1 amounted to 893 acres, according to a report completed by John H. Bowen, register of the United States land office at Springfield. The land is in small tracts, most of it very hilly and rough, and is scattered over 11 counties in Southern Missouri. The acreage by counties follows:

Barry, 17 acres; Butler, 3; Carroll, 150; Carter, 15; Camden, 210; Laclede, 40; Ozark, 185; Phelps, 40; Ripley, 5; Shannon, 48; Taney, 50; Wayne, 40; Wright, 50 acres.

Route of Ozark Trail.

In a general bulletin, Frank W. Buffum outlines the route of Ozark Trails road recently agreed upon by a convention held at Nevada. The line from Nevada to Jefferson City is via El Dorado Springs, Cedar County, thence to Osceola, county seat of St. Clair County, thence over the Osage Valley route to Warsaw, county seat of Benton County, north from Warsaw to Lincoln and Cole Camp, and from that point east via Stover to Versailles, county seat of Morgan County. From Versailles the route to Jefferson City is via High Point, Corticelli and Russellville.

Drunken Negro Runs Amuck.

R. L. Berry, Dr. O. L. Moore and J. B. Joseph were assaulted and stabbed recently by a drunken negro. Berry is seriously wounded, and the others slightly. A suspect has been arrested by the police.

Oleo Law Upheld.

Assistant Attorney General Rutherford has held in an opinion that the state law prohibiting the coloring of oleomargarine is a valid statute and could be enforced. County officers must enforce it.

U. R. Car-Stop Order Argued.

The United Railways Company of St. Louis submitted its new arguments to the public service commission for an order permitting the company to eliminate 750 stops in St. Louis.

Beauty of Design Apparent.

Work on the new Missouri state-house has progressed to a point where the design's beauty is beginning to be apparent.

It is essentially a structure in which columns will predominate. As the second floor is approached in the construction the columns begin to develop, and their striking symmetry attracts all visitors.

There will be 128 columns in the new capitol, 134 on the exterior and 64 on the interior. Rising from the level of the first floor and running around the building on the exterior are 90 columns.

Thirty-two are on the sides of the wings and will be 40 feet in height, including the base and capitals. They are fluted and are 4 feet 8 inches in diameter.

There will be 12 plain shafts on the four pylons, 18 inches in diameter and 13½ feet high, and eight free-standing columns of the same height and dimensions, in the re-entrant angles.

Around the dome there will be 32 plain columns, each 24 feet in height and 2½ feet in diameter. About the lantern above the dome will be 12 columns, 9 feet in height and 1½ feet in diameter.

All the columns will be of Burlington limestone from the quarry at Carthage.

Experts declare the work being done on these columns as shown by the parts that have been put up never has been excelled in the United States.

State Treasurer's Report.

Missouri has a comfortable balance in the treasury, as is shown by the monthly report of the transactions and condition filed with Gov. Major by State Treasurer Deal.

The report shows the following:

Balance on hand at the close of business June 30, \$6,531,307.48.

Receipts during July, \$1,165,017.85.

Disbursements during July, \$1,613,382.25.

Balance on hand July 31, \$6,082,939.08.

There is a balance in the general fund of \$188,872.44. This fund will continue comparatively low until the first of the year, when it will be replenished by the tax collections.

The state school balance is \$1,575,052.16. This will be disbursed to the various counties after the annual apportionment of public school funds to be made this month by State Superintendent of Public Schools Glaze.

The earnings of the Missouri penitentiary for the month were \$32,441.09 and the balance remaining to the credit of that institution is \$165,799.94.

A balance to the credit of the same institution fund of \$6,752.12 is shown.

A general balance in the good roads fund of \$457,154.49 is reported.

Record School Appropriation.

According to the appropriations by the last general assembly and the records in the office of the state auditor, the public schools of Missouri will receive more money this year from the state treasury than ever before.

State Auditor John P. Gordon in certifying the apportionment of school moneys to State Superintendent of Schools Howard A. Glaze, who apportions the funds to the various counties, showed the following:

Out of taxes paid the state there is given back to the public schools of the state in the way of apportionment \$1,613,473.89. There was also appropriated from the state revenue to the aid of high schools, salaries of county superintendents of schools, aid of rural high schools, and teacher training courses, \$392,290.02.

Appropriated from the same source for the rebuilding of the normal school at Warrensburg, \$250,000.

This is more than one-third of the revenue collected and put into the state treasury. In other words, \$1,266,490.25 more was given the public schools this year than was ever given before.

Little Land Left for Settlement.

Gov. Major has announced appointments on the state board of agriculture as follows:

Charles D. Bellows of Maryville, for the fourth congressional district, a Republican, to succeed himself.

E. L. Newton (Rep.) of Lewiston, first district, to succeed himself.

George W. Arnold, Sedalia (Dem.), seventh district, vice N. H. Gentry, term expired.

John Parker, Carthage (Rep.), fifteenth district, to succeed himself.

Col. W. A. Dallmeyer, Jefferson City (Rep.), eighth district, to succeed himself.

All of the appointments are for a period terminating in December, when there will be a reorganization of the board under the law passed by the last general assembly.

Col. Dallmeyer of Jefferson City is president of the State Fair board.

Pen Guard Beat Up.

Leo Pritchett, a guard at the Missouri penitentiary, was kicked down a flight of stairs here when George W. Morrison suddenly returned home. Pritchett has been a boarder in the Morrison home.

Corporations Pay Up.

About 2,500 corporations have failed to register with the secretary of state this year. July 31 was the last day for registration under the \$5 fee. Delinquents must pay \$10 for registering, but there will be no other penalty if the required report is made by October 1.

Approximately 12,000 corporations have complied with the law and have paid into the state treasury \$60,000.

After October 1 the delinquent lists will be certified out to the prosecuting attorneys for action.

RUSSIANS REJECT OFFERS OF PEACE

KING OF DENMARK SAID TO HAVE
BEEN INTERMEDIARY IN
NEGOTIATIONS.

TRADE GALICIA FOR POLAND

Answer Is Returned That There Was
Not the Remotest Possibility
at Present of Stopping
War.

London.—Reuters' correspondent at Petrograd transmits the following:

"The House Gazette learns from an unimpeachable source that the German emperor made an offer of peace to Russia last week, through the king of Denmark.

"The answer sent to the king stated that the question of peace negotiations could not be raised at the present time."

Galicia Offered to Czar.

Petrograd.—The report that Germany has made peace proposals to Russia became known in official circles here several days ago, and was freely discussed in the lobbies of the Duma, according to the Vechernee Vremya.

"We learn on good authority," says the newspaper, "that Germany, through Denmark, proposed to Russia a separate peace. Russia to receive Galicia, while Germany would retain the western district of Poland. A representative of the foreign office categorically denied that there was the remotest possibility of any peace negotiations in the lobbies of the Duma, the proposal was discussed as unworthy of serious consideration."

MEXICANS SHOOT AMERICANS

Americans Shot by Mexicans.

Bandits Cross Border and Attempt to
Raid Outlying Plantation—Six
Greasers Killed.

Harlingen, Tex.—Five American ranchmen were wounded, two of them seriously, and six Mexican outlaws were reported killed and wounded in a fight between Texas rangers and ranchers and a band of Mexican bandits at Norias ranch, ten miles north of Laredo, in Cameron county, according to a telephone message received here from Norias.

The outlaws, estimated to number between thirty and fifty, attacked the Norias ranchhouse shortly before dark. Fourteen ranchmen barricaded themselves in the house and defended the place until 10 o'clock, when the message said the Mexicans withdrew temporarily. Shortly after the bandits had withdrawn sixteen Texas rangers and armed civilians arrived.

At 10:30, the report says, the Mexicans returned, unaware that reinforcements had arrived. They again charged the house and were met with a volley of shots from the ranchers and several of the Mexicans were killed. The outlaws retreated into the darkness.

A special train left Harlingen carrying 55 United States soldiers and 12 armed civilians to reinforce the Americans on the Norias ranch.

One man in every 48 in England and Wales is a pauper.

Turkish railways usually run one train daily.

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Auto Makers Reject Bonus Plan.

Bridgeport, Conn.—The bonus proposition recently made by the Locomobile Co. of America to its employees was rejected at a meeting of 500 employees. It was decided to demand an eight-hour workday with time and a half for overtime.

Norman Tower Is Disclosed.

Berkshire, Eng.—Wargrave Church, which was destroyed by fire by militant suffragists June 1, 1914, is being rebuilt. In restoring the tower the discovery has been made that the present casing of red brick covers the original Norman tower.

Hanging Man Strangles to Death.

Texarkana, Ark.—John Tuwes, 64 years old, attempted to hang himself from the limb of a tree in the downtown section, but the limb broke. The jerk which broke the limb, however, pulled the noose tight and Tuwes strangled to death.

Interned German Ship Sold.

Seattle, Wash.—The German ship Steinbeck, which has been loading lumber at Bellingham and which is now lying interned at Eagle Harbor, has been sold to American shippers and will be placed under the American flag.

Another Naval War Game.

Newport, R. I.—The Atlantic fleet is again to be put to the test of protecting the eastern seaboard from invasion by a supposed foreign fleet.

Refiners Get an Eight-Hour Day.

Houston, Tex.—An eight-hour day with the same wages heretofore paid for 12 hours' work will be granted to all employees of the Gulf Refining Co. at the Port Arthur and Fort Worth refineries.

Trouncy Called Mental Lapse.

San Francisco.—The boy who plays "hooky" from school is defective mentally, according to Dr. Ernest B. Hoag of the Los Angeles juvenile court, who spoke before the National Conference on Race Betterment.

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Amusement Provider Asserts He Has
Scheme Nothing Short of
Stupendous.

Tody Hamilton—the only man who ever lost an elephant in Manhattan and would not be comforted—says—and if Tody Hamilton (who once lost two lions and a tiger near Forty-second street and Broadway) says a thing is true, then it's true whether it's true or not—Tody Hamilton says that Luna park is about to raise an umbrella which no living man can borrow let alone steal.

The umbrella will cover an acre of Luna park ground so it was said by Tody Hamilton—who for years saw to it that a baby giraffe was born in a paddock in Madison Square garden on the night Barnum & Bailey came to town. First of all, a steel umbrella handle will be constructed in Luna and the handle will be 148 feet high. It was said by Tody Hamilton—who was the first man to reveal the news that the circus was the first to strike gold in Alaska.

The umbrella will be steel-ribbed, covered with circumferential canvas, and will be raised and lowered by machinery, according to a statement issued by Tody Hamilton—who once chased hoop snakes with puff adders while with the Barnum show and raised thereby a crop of diving automobile tires.

Five thousand persons will be able to enjoy the cool shade under the umbrella.

A searchlight with rays shooting for ten miles, an intermittent flash beacon, thousands of electric bulbs and things and stuff to taste will decorate the steel and canvas umbrella at night. The completed umbrella to cost \$25,000, according to Tody Hamilton—who added that he had just turned down an offer made by Colonel Roosevelt to stock the Luna lagoon with a correspondence school of man-eating fish—New York Sun.

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ALGERIAN SOAP TREE

Fruit Has a Distinct Commercial
Value.

Average Income From Product Will
Vary From Ten to Twenty Dollars
a Year—Really Marvelous
Product of Nature.

The Algerian soap tree originated from China and has been propagated by seeds imported from that country. The name is given as Sapindus utilis. The tree is ornamental and reaches a height of fifty feet. It begins to bear fruit when six years old. The wood is close grained, takes a good polish and is admirably suitable for furniture.

The average crop of full-grown tree is about 200 pounds of fruit. The average income from a tree is from \$10 to \$20 a year. The composition of the fruit consists in a nut-shaped hull in which is a seed. In the hull exists the saponaceous matter in the proportion of 30 to 40 per cent of the bulk of the hull. The saponaceous principle is set free by the shredding of the hull and using it with water just as if it were a piece of soap. A beautiful lather is the result and the cleansing qualities are such that there is no soap made by human process that can compare with them. It is equally good for toilet purposes. No human skill can produce that marvelous product of nature.

The hull can also be made into a powder and the powder into a cake, so as to make the use of it easier. It can also be made into a liquid for hair wash, dentifrice and various other preparations, and these articles can be made by such simple processes that in every household the commodity will become a source of economy, of recreation and of pleasure.

The seed has a kernel which contains a fixed oil in every respect preferable to the best imported olive oil. The yield in oil of that kernel is twice the yield of the olive fruit and when the production reaches an importance necessitating the use of the proper machinery the oil will be produced as cheaply if not more cheaply than refined oil. For a solid shortening the delicious flavor of that oil will surpass anything ever produced.

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Medical authorities assert that the soap nut may be used internally in cases of salivation and as an expectorant. The seeds, pounded with water are said to arrest a paroxysm of epilepsy. This fruit is also recommended by native practitioners for the cure of cholera.

The foregoing relates to the Algerian soap tree, the seed of which E. Moulle, a southern perfumer, imported for free distribution, but it applies equally well to the Florida soap tree. This tree also came originally from China, some seeds having been imported 22 years ago. These two species bear the same name, they are of different varieties.

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Burglars Steal Two Fleas.

They were curious burglars who broke into the home of Herbert Randall, an artist and curio collector of Hartford, Conn. Passing over a quantity of silver, they chose their loot from the curios, included in the booty they got were two very special fleas, and the only ones in the house. The fleas were dressed in red uniforms to represent soldiers. Mr. Randall bought them from an old lady in Seattle, who made a living dressing fleas in martial array. They resided in little boxes against a background of white cotton, and were usually observed through a microscope.

Bird Alley.

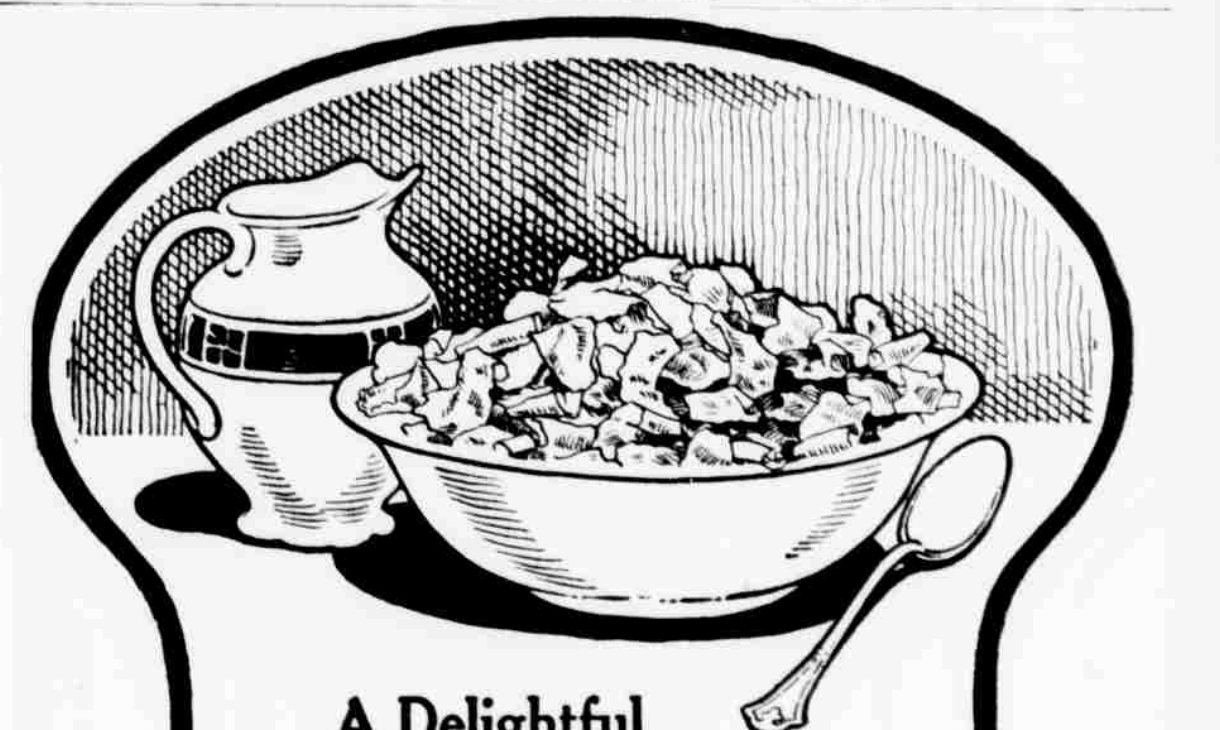
Has anyone in Columbus heard of Bird Alley? Yes, this street is in Columbus and is inhabited only by birds, choice canary birds. Bird Alley is in the penitentiary, in the hospital department, where seventy-five canary birds, neatly housed in artistic cages, lend their warblings and song to cheer the inmates of the walled city. These birds are housed on the second floor of the hospital building and occupy a row about twenty feet long. All breeds and colors are here represented, and can be heard whistling and warbling over this section of the prison.—Columbus Dispatch.

England's Anthem.

The tune of "God Save the King," which the Germans always wrangle about can be traced back for centuries and has been credited to many composers and certainly appropriately—if there is anything in a name—to Sir John Bull. But the honor of wedding the words and music together and calling them the national anthem of England is undoubtedly due to Henry Carey, of "Sally in Our Alley" fame, who boldly published them both as his own in 1742. And later on his own petitioned for a pension on the strength of his father's authorship.

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